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## UNIONS ARE U.S. DOLLAR DISCOUNT

The expulsion of a communist from the constitution of the A. F. of L. at Portland has offended the intelligentsia, sentimentalists, and other gushy folk.

These elements look upon the trade union movement as a sort of free grazing for every man and will-o'-the-wisp theory.

To them the trade union is merely a convenience. It's principal mission is to serve as a clearing house and meal ticket for every one who bounces into town with a bundle of press notices from the last stop, the usual attack on the A. F. of L. and a "scientific and comprehensive program" for economic salvation.

And when the tale is unfolded to trade unionists they are supposed to gape in awe at the wondrous mass of lies.

The nerve of this element passeth understanding.

Take the case of the one expelled at Portland. He openly confessed his faith in communism and his opposition to trade unionism.

It takes copper-lined nerve to publicly announce one's dislike of an institution and at the same time fight to maintain membership in that institution that it may be crushed.

This is the policy of revolutionists and their ill-fingered, paper-doll takestraps who howl when the unions take drastic action against the "borders."

Organized labor is calling a halt on having their unions made the roosting place for revolutionists, wobbies, and other disguised detectives.

Revolutionists have no place in the trade unions. They have nothing in common with organized labor.

Their philosophy, their methods, and their goals are as opposite from the unions as the poles.

They believe in revolution; the unions in law.

They believe in mass strike to inaugurate their revolution; the unions in orderly procedure to improve working and social conditions.

## U. S. COURT UPHOLDS ANTI-LABOR LAWS

Washington, Nov. 17.—The United States supreme court has upheld laws for the California and Oregon legislatures against Japanese holding or leasing land in these states.

The opinions were handed down by Associate Justice Butler, who said the laws were not in conflict with the treaty with Japan and with the four-sevenths amendment to the United States constitution.

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## Federal Court Checks Anti-Unionists "American Plan" Cloaks Conspiracy

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Federal Judge Dooling has ordered the building of a new building for the exchange of industrial associations, the industrial association, and other organizations from requiring any permit for the purchase of material or supplies coming to this city in interstate commerce.

The defendants are enjoined from making, as condition of issuance of permits, any regulation that will interfere with the free movement of supplies produced outside the state or from attempting to prevent or discourage any person outside the state from shipping goods to any person within the state.

The injunction is the hardest blow yet dealt to the anti-unionists in their attempt to smash the building trades.

Judge Dooling's order is the culmination of a long fight by the unionists to expose this conspiracy of business men who called their plot "the American plan." After much agitation, the federal department of justice took charge of the prosecution.

It was charged in the so-called champions of liberty, together with other federal institutions, entered into a conspiracy to limit the sale of building material to any one who employed union labor.

Several contractors were named in the building trades who could not get material because they were not members of the "American plan." The injunction, written by William H. George, president of the San Francisco labor union.

## LIBERAL TREND WANES EDUCATOR BELIEVES

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17.—The liberal trend which has been the hallmark of the A. F. of L. in the past few years, according to an educator, is waning.

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## TAXES CAN BE USED BY BUSINESS GROUPS

Columbia, Md., Nov. 17.—The supreme court of this state has set aside a legislative act which permitted the state to use public money to pay taxes for the High Point chamber of commerce.

The court held that the act was unconstitutional because it allowed the state to use public money for the private inroads of a single business group.

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## American Labor Depends On Itself; Workers' Statesmanship Is Praised

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Writing in the Congressionalist, on the recent convention of the P. O. of L., Secretary of the state service department of the Congressional education society, discusses the absence of the "intellectual" in the American trade union movement.

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## UNIONED COAL LANDS EXPOSED TO PUBLIC

Washington, Nov. 17.—The practice of many coal companies carrying on the business of coal lands in the future adds to the cost of coal in the United States coal commission in a report on investments and profits in the coal industry.

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## PICKETING IS UPHOLD BY NORTHWEST JUDGE

Seattle, Nov. 17.—The St. Germain decision in this case is now set aside by Judge French of this city, who refused to grant an injunction against picketing.

The court held that picketing is a legitimate method of labor action and is not in violation of the law.

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## SEAMEN ARE UNITED OFFICERS ARE DIVIDED

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—A writer in the Maritime News, published by the National Maritime Union, says that the officers of the seamen's union are divided.

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## ROAD AGAIN CENSURED BY U. S. LABOR BOARD

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Again has the Pennsylvania railroad been censured by the United States labor board.

The board found that the railroad had violated the law by refusing to bargain with the union.

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## FEW 55-CENT DOLLARS PAID NEW YORK WOMEN

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Thousands of working women are paid less than 55 cents a week in New York state, according to a report of the Industrial Commissioner.

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## ST. LOUIS BEATS BACK ANTI-UNION ATTACK

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 17.—Panic-stricken anti-union forces in this city view the striking defeat of organized labor with alarm.

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## LIVING COST FIGURES

Washington, Nov. 17.—The bureau of statistics reports that the cost of living in this country is increasing.

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## FORCED COMPENSATION FAVORED BY GOVERNOR

Astoria, Ore., Nov. 17.—The state legislature has passed a bill which would force compensation on employers.

The bill would require employers to pay compensation to their employees if they are injured on the job.

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## MODEL ANTI-UNION MINE BLOWS UP; MANY KILLED

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 17.—The mine at Charleston, West Virginia, which was known as the "model" anti-union mine, has blown up.

The explosion killed many miners and destroyed the mine.

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## LESS WHITE PLAGUE

New York, Nov. 17.—The death rate from tuberculosis in this city has fallen to its lowest point in years.

The health department reports that the death rate has decreased by 10 percent in the last year.

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## LARGE PROFITS IN FRUIT

Boston, Nov. 17.—Profits for the fruit trade in this city are high.

The fruit growers are getting a good price for their fruit.

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## OHIO DEFEATS PENSION

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 17.—The state legislature has defeated a pension bill.

The bill would have provided for a pension for the aged.

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## COAL OWNERS STAND PAT: WILL NOT "CLEAR HOUSE"

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 17.—The governor has announced that the coal owners will not "clear house" the coal industry.

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## STOVE TUBERNS EXTER

Portland, Ore., Nov. 17.—Stove tubers in this city have been ordered to leave the city.

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## PRINTERS RISE WAGES

Marietta, Pa., Nov. 17.—The printers in this city have raised their wages.

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## WOMAN STIRS HEATING

New York, Nov. 17.—A woman has started a fire in a building in New York city.

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## BLACKMETERS ENVE

Richmond, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The blackmeters in this city have been ordered to stop their work.

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